(vii) Institution of National Award for voluntary organizations/individual for outstanding work in the field of road safety.

(viii) Tightening of safety standards of vehicles.

(ix) Providing cranes and ambulances to various State Governments/NGOs under National Highway accident Relief Service Scheme. National Highways Authority of India also provides ambulances at a distance of 50 Km. on each of its completed stretches of National Highways under its operation and maintenance contracts.

(x) Widening and improvements of National Highways from 2 lanes to 4 lanes and 4 lanes to 6 lanes etc.

Maintenance of under construction NHs

†1209. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any explicit policy is being formulated by Government in regard to maintenance of four-lane roads being constructed by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) during the construction period;

(b) whether the Stretch of National Highway number-76 falling under Udaipur urban area is being maintained by NHAI; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir. During the construction period, the maintenance of the existing roads is being done by the civil contractor/concessionaire engaged for four laning works for which adequate provisions are made in the Concession Agreements/ Maintenance Contracts.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Bridge on NH 7 near Nagpur

1210. SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the rail-over-bridge at Butibori, near Nagpur on NH 7 would be completed; and

(b) the reasons for an inordinate delay in completion of this bridge?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) The likely date of completion of the rail-over-bridge (ROB) is March, 2009. The delay in completion is due to finalization of drawing of ROB and viaduct.

Construction work of NHs in Assam

1211. KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether completion of construction of four-lane National Highways in Assam is delayed;

(b) the extra cost that has been incurred due to such situation;

(c) the present target date of completion of the construction and the details, NH-wise; and

(d) whether the implementing authorities have failed to resume the construction works as per clause of the tender and agreement and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The increase in cost, if any, can only be calculated after completion of the project. Cost escalations due to delays are paid as per contract, according to which in case the project is delayed due to fault on the part of the contractor, liquidated damage is imposed and no escalation is paid. Escalations are paid only in case the delay is beyond the control of the contractor.

(c) Details are enclosed as statement. (*See* below).

(d) No, Sir. However, due to security concerns some contractors have refused to undertake work in certain stretches of highways falling in N.C. Hills district of Assam.

Statement

Status of NHDP works in the State of Assam

Sl. No.	Stretch	NH No.	Length (in Kms)	Length Com-pleted	Present Status	Date of Completion/ Anticipated Completion	Total Project Cost (Rs. in crores)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Guwahati Bypass (EW-14/AS)	37	10.5	8	4 LANED	Jun-2004	63.69
2.	Guwahati bypass (EW/7)	37	8	8	4 LANED	Dec-2003	54.87
3.	Nalbari to Bijni (AS-6)	31	25	0	Under Implementation	Jun-2009	225